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ON RIGID DISK MEDIA FOR MAGNETIC RECORDINGS"

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed November 7, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.

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